

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 13 and 18. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 13 and 18.

Claims 13 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being anticipated by Tamegai (U.S. Patent No. 5,442,614) in view of Endsley (U.S. Patent No. 6,005,613). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in claims 13 and 18 are not taught or suggested by Tamegi or Endsley whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Amendments were made to claims 13 and 18 so as to clarify the description of the present invention. Particularly, these amendments clarify that according to the present invention when the image information thus recorded on the recording medium is read and displayed on a monitor for each frame, the execution of various operations is prevented and the image information just before the image information having a read error is continuously displayed on the monitor.

Thus, according to the present invention a step is performed at the time of recording image information on the recording medium to conduct settings so as to not execute a verified mode in the image recording/reproducing apparatus.

The above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in claims 13 and 18 are not taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether taken individually or in combination with each other. Particularly, the

above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by Tamegi or Endsley whether taken individually or in combination with each other.

Tamegi merely teaches a method of recording information on an information recording medium including a first area having a plurality of sectors for recording data and a second area having a plurality of blocks for recording a directory used for managing the data. Tamegi teaches, for example, in Fig. 5 thereof that operations are performed when storing data that according to a step S3 data is recorded and a verification is performed and as per a step S4 an operation is performed so as to detect whether the data has been written normally. If the data has not been written normally then operations are performed according to a step S5 so as to determine that the address of memory being accessed is defective and the address is increased. However, if the data has been recorded normally step S7 is performed so as to increment the logical address and increment the physical address.

Based on the above described teachings of Tamegi it is clear that the features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims differ entirely from that taught by Tamegi. As described above the present invention provides a method and apparatus wherein a step is performed at the time of recording image information so as to conduct a setting so as not to execute a verified mode. Thus, according to the present invention the verified mode in some cases is not executed whereas as clearly taught by Tamegi verification is always performed in accordance with step S3. There is no alternative as taught by Tamegi where the verification is not performed since the intent of Tamegi is to determine by use of a verification step

whether the data has been normally written. The present invention attempts to avoid the verification step all together.

Thus, Tamegi fails to teach or suggest a step wherein at a time of record image information on the recording medium, setting so as to not execute a verified mode as recited in the claims.

The above described deficiencies of Tamegi are not supplied by any of the other references of record. Particularly, the above described deficiencies of Tamegi are not supplied by Endsley.

In the Office Action the Examiner recognizes various deficiencies of Tamegi particularly as it relates to preventing the frame of the image information with a read error from being read again when the frame of the image has been read just before the frame error. The Examiner alleges that such teaching can be found in Endsley. However, Applicants do not agree. Applicants fail to find any such teachings in Endsley. In fact it appears that the Examiner have mis-described the teachings of Endsley in an attempt to meet the limitations of the present invention as recited in the claims.

Even beyond the above, Endsley does not supply the above described deficiencies of Tamegi. Particularly, Endsley fails to teach or suggest the step of at a time of recording image information on the recording medium, set so as to not execute a verified mode as recited in the claims.

Therefore, as is clear from the above, both Tamegi and Endsley suffer from the same deficiencies relative to the present invention as recited in the claims and as such combining Tamegi and Endsley in the manner suggested by the Examiner in

the Office Action still fails to teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited in the claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claims 13 and 18 as being unpatentable over Tamegi in view of Endsley is respectfully requested.

The remaining references of record have been studied. Applicants submit that they do not supply any of the deficiencies noted above with respect to the references utilized in the rejection of claims 13 and 18.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 13 and 18 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 13 and 18 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.39095X00).

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